

## INF-5: Internet Access for Patron-Provided Equipment Policy

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### Policy Statement

The Orion Township Public Library (OTPL) provides free wireless high-speed Internet for patrons wishing to pursue their informational needs with the convenience and technological flexibility of using their own equipment.

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### Regulations

1. Patrons are welcome to use their own equipment within the library, including their own personal computing equipment to access the Internet wirelessly.
2. Use of the Internet with patron-provided equipment is governed by the library's *Internet Access and Use Policy*.
3. Content accessed on the Internet from patron-provided equipment is minimally filtered for sexual content, as images on any screens may be seen easily by passersby of all ages, in compliance with federal<sup>i</sup> and state laws<sup>ii,iii</sup>.
4. Library staff will provide general guidelines on the procedures necessary to access the Internet via these wireless connections but are not responsible for any changes patrons make to their computer settings and cannot guarantee that a patron's hardware will work with the library's network. Patrons should refer to their owner's manuals or other support services offered by their device manufacturer.
5. The responsibility for security shall lie with the patron. The library shall not be responsible for the possible interception of wireless connections, computer viruses and other malware, nor the risks of transmitting personal data.
6. The library's network has been configured and sized for interactive searching and knowledge gathering on the Internet.
7. Patrons connecting to the Internet with their own equipment are able to print to the library's printers and pay for printouts just like patrons using the library's computers. See *Fines and Fees Policy*.
8. A patron who lives in the library service area who wishes to challenge a library policy or any portion of a library policy should follow procedures as outlined in MGT-15: *Appeals Process Policy*.

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<sup>i</sup> U.S. Code, Title 18, §§ 2256 (1) and (8)

<sup>ii</sup> Michigan Obscene Material Act, P.A. 343 of 1984

<sup>iii</sup> Michigan Harmful to Minors Act, P.A. 33 of 1978